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Letters to the Editor

Editor, Independent Records:

I have written the following letter to United States Senator Lee Metcalf. You may print it.

Dear Senator:

A recent Associated Press dispatch states that you had investigations made by the Library of Congress, the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, the FBI and Central Intelligence Agency relative to a question supposedly made by the number one Communist, Mr. Khrushchev. The quotation which you say is "spurious" reads as follows: "We can't expect the American people to jump from capitalism to communism." You further quoted as saying that this fabrication arouses Americans against their elected officials.

In my humble opinion it is relatively unimportant whether or not Mr. K. made the statement in question. Surely he is guilty of numerous other direct and damning sins in our way of life and in our society. Why then this gross attack over what may or may not be a spurious mouth-
ing of falsehoods by the monster who stands before us here the world as the great enemy to peace and order of all peo-
ples.

I am definitely of the opinion that your conclusion is incorrect. In fact that just the opposite will come to pass in that all true Americans will be aroused against those public officials who fail to stand up and be counted in this knock-down, drag-out fight against communism and any other egg-head ideologies foreign to our free enterprise system.

I further deem it to be of great importance to know whether the suggestion of giving us small doses of socialism could possibly have come from a source much closer to home than Mr. K. I would suggest that you conduct the same extensive investigation referred to above in an effort to learn whether a trusted advisor of President Kennedy has ever advocated the adoption of Socialistic programs. To be more specific, did one Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., say in writing that a certain amount of democratic socialism would be good for us? Personally, I care not whether it be democratic socialism or Bolshevik socialism. Socialism to me is a very close blood relative of communism.

I admit that my political thinking is old-fashioned in that I believe our elected public servants should express the thinking of the majority of their constituents, work for their best interests and not for the interests of any political party or minority pressure groups. When an elected servant of the people falls in this responsibility and tries in devious manner to force his brand of thinking on a take-it-and-like-it basis, then we are in bad trouble. I sincerely trust that the good people of Montana will never be faced with this problem.

Respectfully yours,
Martin Trenne.